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FREE MEDICAL SERVICE TO BE INSTITUTED IN BULGARIA

Presented below are the decree, the temporary regulations, and lists of medical supplies relating to the free medical service in Bulgaria.

DECREE

Article 1. Medical service in Bulgaria is free for all citizens.

Article 2. Free medical service is supplied by state health institutions and includes the following:

- a. All dispensary, polyclinical and home medical examinations, operations, clinical treatment, and analyses which are performed for diagnostic, curative, and prophylactic purposes.
- b. Bed treatments, child deliveries, operations, treatments, analyses, wound dressing, etc., in curative-prophylactic institutions, such as hospitals, sanatoriums for tuberculosis, and obstetric clinics.
- c. Dental treatments and treatments of mouth infections, with the exception of making dentures and bridges, the materials for the preparation of which are paid for by patients.
- d. All types of X-ray, dispensary, and other medical examinations.
- e. Drugs and dressing materials used in health institutions during treatment or examination of patients.
- f. Food given patients during their treatment in permanent health institutions.

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g. Prophylactic examinations, vaccinations, quinine prophylaxis, antiepidemic disinfections, and all other types of disease-prevention measures, which are taken under the instruction of sanitary authorities.

h. Serums and vaccines for fighting contagious diseases, as well as therapeutic drugs for fighting malaria.

Article 3. Members of labor unions and farm workers' cooperatives have summer rest-resort privileges and the right to balneological treatment in state resort-sanatoriums (mineral baths and mud baths) at the complete or partial expenses of labor unions and farm workers' cooperatives.

Article 4. Not included in the free medical service are the drugs and the sanitary and dressing materials given out by state pharmacies without prescription or on prescription by both doctors of health institutions and doctors with private practice.

The present decree is effective as of 17 March 1951.

TEMPORARY REGULATIONS FOR APPLICATION
OF FREE MEDICAL-SERVICE DECREE

Section 1. All citizens of Bulgaria may obtain free medical service in state health institutions.

Section 2. Consideration will be taken of the degree and the importance of an individual's participation in building socialism in Bulgaria.

a. Shock workers, rationalizers, and persons who have been awarded national work medals, including members of their families, who can prove by certificate from their respective labor union that they are entitled to these honors, are accepted as patients with first priority.

b. Mine, industrial, and transportation workers, and workers from construction projects, state farms, and MTS are accepted as patients with priority over others who are equally in need of clinical attention.

c. Members of farm workers' cooperatives, mothers with many children, children up to 3 years of age, expectant mothers, and military and labor invalids are given priority.

Section 3. Free medical service includes the following:

a. All dispensary, polyclinical, and home examinations, operations, clinical treatments, and analyses which are performed for diagnostic, curative, and prophylactic purposes during the health officials' working hours.

Free home medical service for patients who need immediate medical attention, including child-birth, is assured any time, day or night.

Immediate medical attention includes medical aid in cases of serious accident, fatal bleeding, childbirth, and all sudden illnesses which may jeopardize the life of a patient.

b. Bed treatment and childbirth in clinical and prophylactic institutions (hospitals, sanatoriums for tuberculosis patients, obstetric clinics, etc.), as well as nourishment of the patients undergoing cure in these institutions.

c. Dental treatment and treatment of mouth diseases. As regards prescribed dentures and bridges made by state dental laboratories, the patients pay only for the materials used.

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Patients pay for dentures and bridges made by cooperative and self-supporting dental laboratories according to fixed prices.

d. All types of X-ray, dispensary, and other analyses. Materials, reacting substances, X-ray films, chemical compounds, etc., which are used during the analyses, must be paid for by the patients.

e. Drugs, dressings, and other sanitary supplies used in the health institutions during medical treatment or for the examination of the patients.

In cases of out-patient treatment for certain illnesses that do not require extensive clinical care but only a series of injections, the injections are administered free at health institutions, but the ampules for these injections are bought by the patients themselves with a physician's prescription.

f. Prophylactic examinations, vaccinations, quinine prophylaxis, antihelminthiatic treatments, antiepidemic disinfections, disinfestation, and all other forms of prophylactic measures, which are taken on instructions by the sanitary authorities.

The term "prophylactic examinations" includes examinations performed in public housing, schools, and enterprises, and the inspections made in connection with contagious diseases, as well as medical supervision; serums and vaccines against contagious diseases, as well as drugs against malaria and helminthiasis, are dispensed at health institutions and at patients' homes.

The vaccinations include all the different kinds of immunizations and booster shots against smallpox, bacillus calmette guerin, immunization against typhus, cholera, prophylactic bacteriophages against dysentery, etc.

Under "antiepidemic disinfections" and "disinfestations" are included the disinfections and disinfestations performed in combating contagious diseases and malaria (lice cleaning, DDT spraying, etc.), as well as the materials used for the purpose.

All types of prophylactic measures taken on instruction from sanitary authorities, e.g., quarantine, transportation of patients with contagious disease, and assuring the subsistence of quarantined patients, are free.

Section 4. When children need vitamins for prophylactic purposes, the vitamins, including Vitamin D (cod-liver oil), are distributed free.

Section 5. Summer cures in state resort-sanatoriums (mineral baths and mud baths) are paid for by the patients. In special cases, members of labor unions and farm workers' cooperatives have the privilege of using rest resorts and taking balneological treatments in state resort-sanatoriums (mineral baths and mud baths) totally or partially at the expense of labor unions and farm workers' cooperatives. The resort-sanatorium administration will issue a special regulation for these cases.

Section 6. Free medical service does not include drugs and sanitary and dressing materials given out by state pharmacies without a prescription nor by prescriptions from doctors at health institutions and by doctors with private practices.

All pharmacies and pharmaceutical establishments in the country must do the following:

a. Accept immediately the prescriptions brought in by priority patients, in accordance with Section 2, without making them wait their turn.

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b Fill the accepted prescriptions brought in by patients described in Section 2, a, immediately, those brought in by patients described in Section 2, b, should have priority over any others.

LISTS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

1. On 16 March 1951, the Council of Ministers approved the proposal for a decree instituting free medical service in Bulgaria. The Presidium of the People's Assembly will be asked to issue a decree in accordance with the approved proposal.

2. The new reduced prices of drugs, ampules, and dressing materials of the attached lists No 1, 2, and 3 are approved in accordance with the present enactment.

3. The existing quantities of articles enumerated in lists No 1, 2, and 3, which are in stock at the "Khimimport" (Import of Chemicals) State Commercial Enterprise, in warehouses, and pharmacies, should be sold at prices fixed by the present enactment, and the losses sustained because of the reduction in prices should be borne by the establishments in question.

The existing quantities of articles enumerated in lists No 1, 2, and 3, which are in stock at the "Khimimport" Enterprise, in warehouses, and in pharmacies, should be declared at the okrug and city pharmaceutical administrations within 10 days after publication of the present enactment and at the Pharmaceutical Administration of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare within 15 days after publication of the present enactment.

4. The Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare must set new prices for the remaining drugs, ampules, dressing materials, and other medical supplies, to take effect on 1 October 1951.

5. The Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Industry, and the Ministry of Supplies and Food Industry must, within 45 days after publication of the present enactment, submit to the Council of Ministers for approval the selling prices of raw materials necessary for production of medical supplies, in accordance with a list submitted to them within 3 days after publication of the present enactment by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare.

The present enactment is effective as soon as it is published in Izvestiya [official gazette of the Presidium of the People's Assembly].

List No 1

<u>Medicament</u>	<u>Ampule Size</u> (cc)	<u>Retail Price</u> (leva)	
		<u>Present Price</u>	<u>New Price</u>
Adrenalin, 0.001	1	12.90	12
Adrenalin, 0.0005	1	12.90	12
Adrenalin, 1%	2	15	14
"Embezid"	2	22.17	15
"Ambezid"	5	58.50	23
Redistilled water	5	25.20	20
Redistilled water	10	36.67	28
Calcium bromate, 4%	5	26	21
Calcium bromate, 4%	10	36.40	23
Calcium dibromolactate	5	37.86	14
Calcium dibromolactate	10	46.40	18

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<u>Medicament</u>	<u>Ampule Size</u> (cc)	<u>Retail Price</u> (leva)	
		<u>Present Price</u>	<u>New Price</u>
Calcium chlorate, 10%	10	35.50	29
Calcium gluconate, 10%	5	25.20	21
Calcium gluconate, 10%	10	40	30
Cardiozol blue, 10%	1	39	21
Quinine calcium gluconate	5	49.60	33
Quinine calcium gluconate	10	61.70	49
Quinine urethan, 0.50	1	27.80	22
Quinine urethan, one gram	2	52.60	26
"Quinoterpane"	2	12.40	10
Ephedrine, 0.05	1	17	10
Ergotine, 0.50	1	20.50	15
Liver extract	2	57	48
Liver extract	5	137	100
Sterilized gelatine, 10%	10	39.50	34
Glucose, 10%	10	33.16	26
Glucose, 20%	10	39.85	32
Glucose, 20%	20	50	46
Glucose, 40%	10	46	37
"Hemostol," 1%	10	41.16	17
Iodine	1	10	8
Hexamethylenetetramine, 10%	5	16.20	16
Le Sterile	2	14	13
Le Sterile	5	28	21
Lobeline, 0.003	1	59	39
Morphine hydrochloride, 0.02	1	21.70	18
Sodium bromate, 10%	10	38.33	29
Sodium chlorate, 10%	10	34.16	29
Sodium chlorate, 20%	10	42	31
Sodium citrate, 3%	20	68	48
Sodium phenylcinchinate	5	40.80	16
Sodium phenylcinchinate	10	49.66	34
Sodium salicylate, 10%	10	38.33	29
Camphor oil, 20%	2	17.10	14
Camphor oil, 20%	5	28.40	23
Opium concentrate, one centigram	1	17.14	17
Opium concentrate, 2 centigrams	1	20.18	19
"Pituglan" /pituitary gland extract	1	39	22
"Progival," 10,000 AE		41	20
"Progival," 50,000 AE		87	34
"Pulmohin"	2	20.60	18
Physiologic serum	10	38.33	18
Strophanthin, 1/4 milligram	1	14.14	12
Vitamin B ₁ , 0.05	2	71.80	23
Vitamin B ₁₂ , 0.08	2	78	29
Vitamin C, fortified	5	70	39

Specialties

<u>Product</u>	<u>Present Price</u> (leva)	<u>New Price</u> (leva)
"Adinorm," 10 grams, bottle	120	39
Aluminum oxide powder, 50 grams, box	117	86
Arsenoferratol, 250 grams, bottle	160	127
Ferrous arsenate in tablets, 50 units, box	118	45

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Product	Present Price (leva)	New Price (leva)
Asthma cigarettes, 20, box	47	30
"Belapan" tablets /belladonna/ 200, box	150	75
Di-iodotyrosine tablets, 20, box	157	98
Fehepar, 200 grams, bottle	319	135
Calcium D tablets, 40, box	65	44
"Diginorn Salicylate," 10 grams, bottle	142	34
"Distogal" capsules, 25, box	125	93
Liver extract, composite, 240 grams, bottle	416	360
Liver extract, bitter, 240 grams, bottle	37	360
Iron liver pills, 100, box	299	144
Flu tablets, 10, box	56	32
"Hepagastrat," 200 grams, bottle	419	295
Hexcitrol tablets, 20, tube	48	29
Iodiferrato, 250 grams, bottle	160	130
"Isophen" tablets, 40, box	56	25
Paraform tablets, 20, box	31	28
Santonin drops, 0.02, 10, box	60	57
Strychnine tablets, 70, box	112	32
Sulfathiazole tablets, 0.50	8	6
Vitamin B ₁ tablets, 0.003, 20 pieces, tube	59	26
Vitamin C, tablets, 0.05, 20 pieces, box	70	48
Fatty Ointments		
Soft fat ointment No 1, 20 grams, tube	48	29
Soft fat ointment No 2, 20 grams, tube	48	29
Borated vaseline, 20 grams, tube	30	20
Skin salve, 20 grams, tube	42	23
Medicated ointment, 5 grams, box	26	25
Zinc ointment, 20 grams, tube	30	20
Ichthyol ointment, 10%, 20 grams, tube	36	25
Plasters		
Adhesive plasters, meter	200	160
Capsicum plasters, piece	47	35
Billrot gauze, meter	500	420
Wound-Dressing Materials		
Cotton, 10 grams, package	15	13
Cotton, 25 grams, package	30	27
Cotton, 50 grams, package	55	52
Rolled cotton-fabric bandage, 5/5, roll	53	34
Rolled cotton-fabric bandage, 5/6, roll	66	40
Rolled cotton-fabric bandage, 5/8, roll	88	55
Rolled cotton-fabric bandage, 5/10, roll	109	67
Rolled cotton-fabric bandage, 10/5, roll	109	67
Rolled cotton-fabric bandage, 10/8, roll	172	107
Rolled cotton-fabric bandage, 10/10, roll	211	135
Rolled cotton-fabric bandage, 10/15, roll	312	201
Rolled gauze bandage, 5/5, roll	50	33
Rolled gauze bandage, 5/6, roll	60	38
Rolled gauze bandage, 5/8, roll	77	53
Rolled gauze bandage, 5/10, roll	90	64
Rolled gauze bandage, 10/5, roll	100	64
Rolled gauze bandage, 10/8, roll	154	101
Rolled gauze bandage, 10/10, roll	180	122

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List No 2

<u>Product</u>	<u>Present Price</u> (leva)	<u>New Price</u> (leva)
Penicillin in powder form and in oil, 100,000 units	180	50
Streptomycin, 1 gram	234	180
PAS in powder form, 1 gram	24	12
PAS in tablets, by the half kilogram per gram	24	12
Insulin, each 200 units	296	215

List No 3

Lactic acid, 10 grams	26	20
Salicylic acid, one gram	3	2
Tannic acid, one gram	5	4
Ammonium chlorate, 10 grams	8	6
Ammonium sulfathioate	-	-
Ammonium sulfate	-	-
Ichthyol	4	3
Ichthosulphonate, one gram	-	-
Anesthesine	16	12
Benzocaine, one gram	-	-
Antipyrine	-	-
"Azophen"	8	6
Dimethoxyquinisic [sic], one gram	6	4
Laurel cherry water, one percent, 10 grams	5	4
Rose water, 10 grams	10	8
Rose water duplex, 10 grams	-	-
Argyrol	-	-
Silver nucleate	4	3
Mercury, 0.10 gram	-	-
Atophan [cinchophen]	-	-
Phenylcinchoninic acid	16	12
"Acyphen," one gram	8	6
Peruvian Balsam, one gram	6	5
Barium sulfate for X-raying, 10 grams	60	45
Benzonaphthol, 10	-	-
"Bromural"	24	18
Brom-isovaleric acid, one gram	4	3
Calcium carbonate (for internal use), 10 grams	5	4
Calcium chloride, 50%, 10 grams	18	14
Calcium diuretin, one gram	20	15
Calcium lactate, 10 grams	5	4
Animal charcoal, one gram	-	-
Liquid cardiazol, 10%	-	-
Cardio tonic	-	-
"Pentazol"	20	15
"Tetrazol," one gram	-	-
Cardiazol in crystals	-	-
Cardio tonic	15	12
"Pentazol," 0.10 gram	12	9
Chloroform, 10 grams	50	40
Cocaine hydrochloride, 0.10 gram	40	30
Codeine phosphate, 0.10 gram	10	8
Caffeic acid, one gram	10	8
Caffeine sodium benzoate, one gram	10	8
Caffeine sodium salicylate, one gram	10	8
Pure caffeine, one gram	-	-

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Product	Present Price (leva)	New Price (leva)
"Collargol"	-	-
Colloidal silver	8	6
"Argocoll," 0.10 gram	30	23
Chinese bark, 10 grams	-	-
Cryogenine	-	-
Phenylcarbazine	20	15
Phenylsemicarbazide, one gram	-	-
Dionin	-	-
Ethylmorphine hydrochloride	50	40
"Diolan," 0.10 gram	-	-
"Diuretin"	-	-
Theobromine sodium salicylate	16	12
"Theobrozal," one gram	-	-
Ephetonin	8	6
Ephedrine hydrochloride, 0.10 gram	40	30
Kola nut fluid extract, 10 grams	12	9
Ether extract of filix mas, one gram	5	4
Gentian extract, one gram	3	2
Iron reduced with hydrogen, one gram	4	3
Iron lactate, one gram	8	6
Fructose fennel seed, 10 grams	36	27
Glucose, 10 grams	10	8
Pure liquid guaia, one gram	-	-
"Helmitol"	12	9
"Hexacitrol," one gram	20	15
Hydrogen peroxide, 12 volumes, 100 grams	35	27
Hydrogen peroxide, 24 volumes, 100 grams	12	9
Hydrogen peroxide, 96 volumes, 10 grams	10	8
Resublimated iodine, one gram	10	8
Potassium iodide, one gram	-	-
Luminal	-	-
Phenylethylbarbituric acid	20	15
Phenobarbital, one gram	-	-
Sodium luminal	-	-
Sodium phenylethylbarbiturate	20	15
Sodium phenobarbital, one gram	-	-
Magnesium perhydrate, 15%	4	3
Magnesium peroxide, 15%, one gram	-	-
Magnesium perhydrate, 25%	5	4
Magnesium peroxide, 25%, one gram	20	15
Magnesium oxide, 10 grams	3	2
Pure magnesium sulfate, 10 grams	40	30
Menthol, one gram	10	8
Methylene blue, one gram	20	15
Methyl salicylate, 10 grams	50	40
Morphine hydrochloride, 0.10 gram	20	15
Sodium benzoate, 10 grams	20	15
Sodium citrate, 10 grams	20	15
Sodium salicylate, 10 grams	-	-
Novocaine hydrochloride	24	18
Procaine, one gram	50	45
Peppermint oil, one gram	10	8
Castor oil, 10 grams	8	6
Vaseline oil, 10 grams	-	-
Opium concentrate	-	-
"Alkapon"	-	-
"Opipav"	-	-

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<u>Product</u>	<u>Present Price</u> (leva)	<u>New Price</u> (leva)
Pantopon, 0.10 gram	50	40
Papaverine hydrochloride, 0.10 gram	40	30
Phenacetin, one gram	4	3
Pyramidon	-	-
"Amidophen"	-	-
Aminopyrine	-	-
Dimethylaminoantipyrine, one gram	20	15
Rivanol in powder form, 0.10 gram	20	15
Santonin, 0.10 gram	40	30
Mustard seeds, 10 grams	8	6
Mustard seeds in powder form, 10 grams	9	7
Codeine syrup, 10 grams	15	13
Codeine syrup with codeine phosphate, 10 grams	15	13
Sulfacetamide, one gram	24	18
Sulfaguanidine, one gram	16	12
Sulfapyridine, one gram	32	24
Sodium sulfapyridine, one gram	32	24
Sulfathiazole, one gram	16	12
Sodium sulfathiazole, one gram	16	12
Sulfazole, one gram	16	12
Sulfidine, one gram	16	12
Tannalbin	-	-
Albumin tannate	-	-
Albutannin, one gram	8	6
Pure theobromine, one gram	20	15
Thiocol	-	-
Calcium sulfaguaiacolate	-	-
Casucel, one gram	8	6
Thymol, one gram	12	10
Anticholeretic tincture (Davila drops), 10 grams	25	20
Urotropin	-	-
Hexamethylenetetramine	-	-
Hexamine, 10 grams	20	15
Veronal	-	-
Diethylbarbituric acid	-	-
Barbital, one gram	20	15
Sodium veronal	-	-
Sodium diethylbarbiturate	-	-
Sodium barbital, one gram	20	15

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